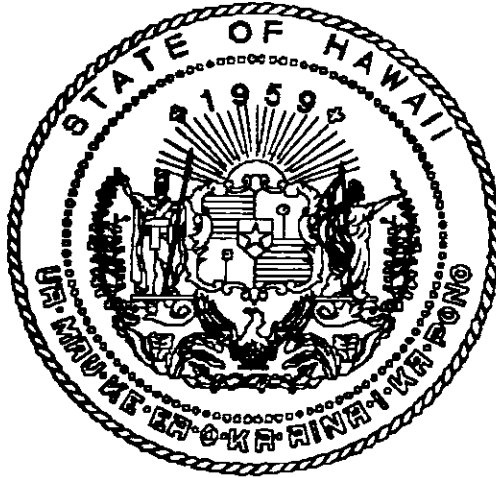


REPORT TO THE TWENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE
STATE OF HAWAII
REGULAR SESSION OF 2005

**KANEOHE BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL
ANNUAL REPORT
FOR THE YEAR 2004**



Submitted on behalf of the
Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

by the

Department of Land and Natural Resources
State of Hawaii

in response to

Section 200D-5, Hawaii Revised Statutes
January 2005

Kaneohe Bay Regional Council Annual Report For the year 2004

Introduction

This annual report is prepared in accordance with Chapter 200D, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), which established the Kaneohe Regional Council (Council). Section 200D-5, HRS provides for annual reporting to the governor and the legislature.

As required by law, the Council held public meetings during the year, on January 7, 2004, April, 7, 2004, July 7, 2004 and October 6, 2004. Matters of business discussed during these meetings are reflected in the agendas and the minutes (including corrections) for same, copies of which are available through the Department of Land and Natural Resources (DLNR) Division of Boating and Ocean Recreation (DOBOR). All meetings were conducted in accordance with Chapter 92, HRS. A quorum of Council members was only present at the January meeting. The Council has seven positions, including representatives from the Kahalu'u Neighborhood Board, the Kaneohe Neighborhood Board, the fishing community, the recreational boating community, the commercial recreation operators, the Office of Hawaiian Affairs (OHA), and the University of Hawaii/Hawaii Institute of Marine Biology (UH/HIMB).

Support to the Council

As in prior years, DOBOR provided the Council with invaluable administrative support for its meetings.

Summary of discussions and actions

During 2004, the Council was guided by Section 200D-3, HRS, which sets forth the powers, duties and functions of the Council. The following are the significant presentations, discussions and actions taken by the council in 2004.

1. Informational Presentations:

The following informational presentations were made at Council meetings:

- a. Status and operations of Heeia State Park, by Carol McLean.
- b. DLNR Division of Aquatics' fishermen's tag and release program, by Annette Tagawa
- c. Status of City and County parks in the Kaneohe Bay area, by Terry Hildebrandt
- d. Geologic and Urban History of Kaneohe Bay, by Dr. Dave Krupp

2. Requests and Proposals:

The following requests and proposals were made at Council meeting by commercial operators:

- a. Kualoa Ranch would like to alter its full service permit to transition from using jet skis to Hawaiian sailing canoes.
- b. Tropical Ocean Sports would like to have some of the rules changed. Their request is to be able to operate on all federal holidays except, New years, Memorial Day, 4th of July, Labor Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas. They would also like to be able to sell their business without having their Large Full Service permit be converted to a Large Snorkel Tour Permit.

3. Administrative Rules Relating to Kaneohe Bay:

As in prior years, continual emphasis was on encouraging the DOBOR to implement the rules. It was explained that there was a staffing shortage and the position within the department that was responsible for managing the process of implementing the rules was vacant.

4. Continuation of the Kaneohe Bay Regional Council

The question of whether or not to advocate for the continuation of the Council was discussed. For those in attendance at the October meeting when the discussion occurred, the feeling was that the Council was an important forum for addressing and discussing issues related to the bay, and especially matters pertaining to the commercial operators.

5. Filling of Vacancies on the Council

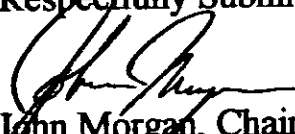
There were problems at several of the meetings due to lack of quorum. Also during the year, the terms of the commercial boating representative and recreational boating representative expired.

- a. John Morgan was reappointed to the Council as the Commercial Boating Representative.
- b. The Recreational Boaters had not been represented all year and the position had been vacant since the term expired in June and still needs to be filled.

6. Stream Channeling or Hardening:

There was discussion about the cementing of the streams that feed into Kaneohe bay. It was noted that while people valued the protection of their property from erosion and cementing the streams eliminated this threat, the negative effects of cementing the stream channels were of great concern because of the potential ecological damage to the bay.

Respectfully Submitted,



John Morgan, Chairman
Kaneohe Bay Regional Council